

JAN 20 2006

**LAW OFFICES OF
McGINN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW GROUP, PLLC**

A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
8321 OLD COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 200
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22182-3817
TELEPHONE: (703) 761-4100
FACSIMILE/DATA: (703) 761-2375; 761-2376
E-MAIL: MCGINNGIBB @ AOL.COM / ADMIN @ MCGINNIPLAW.COM
SENDER'S E-MAIL: JHOWARD @ MCGINNIPLAW.COM

SEAN M. MCGINN
PHILLIP E. MILLERT
FREDERICK E. COOPERRIDER†
JAMES E. HOWARD†
JAMES N. DRESSER
JOHN J. DRESCH
SCOTT M. TULINO
J. BRADLEY WRIGHT†
DONALD J. LECHER

†MEMBER OF BAR OTHER THAN VA

January 20, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE

To: Examiner Lee Sin Yee Lum Vannucci
Group Art Unit: 3611
U.S.P.T.O.

Facsimile No.: (571) 273-8300

From: James E. Howard

Facsimile No.: (703) 761-2375 or 76

Re: Enclosed Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/695,456
Docket No.: K06-163174M/TBS

Dear Examiner Lum Vannucci:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 20, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard

JEH/geb

Enclosures

Total pages transmitted: 18

JAN 20 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kaname Joushita

Serial No.: 10/695,456 **Group Art Unit:** 3611

Filed: October 29, 2003 **Examiner:** Lee Sin Yee Lum Vannucci

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING DEVICE AND JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 6 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, and 10 are independent.